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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 5, 2003

Sir:

This election is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2003 (Paper No. 7). In the Office Action, the Examiner identified six distinct species. The Examiner required the Applicant, under 35 U.S.C. §121, to elect a single species for prosecution. The six species identified by the Examiner are:

- Species A. Fig. 1,
- Species B. Fig. 10,
- Species C. Fig. 11,
- Species D. Fig. 12,
- Species E. Fig. 18,
- Species F. Fig. 19.

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Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the Applicant elects Species A, Figure 1 claimed in claims 1, 3 and 5-20. It is understood that claims 2 and 4 will be withdrawn from prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications.

An earlier examination and favorable action on claims 1, 3 and 5-20 are respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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